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For information of all offices, RUBEN MIRO, according to CIA, has served as a source of information for CIA, but at no time has CIA controlled his activities nor been in a position to give him guidance. The subject was imprisoned for 35 months in Panama and was subsequently acquitted of the assassination of Panamanian President JOSE ANTONIO REMON. The subject has emerged as a revolutionary figure opposed to the present Panamanian Government headed by President ERNESTO de la GUARDIA, JR. MIRO is a first cousin of ROBERTO E. ~~ARIAS GUARDIA~~, a Panamanian revolutionary figure who, in April, 1959, took refuge in the Brazilian Embassy in Panama City, Panama as he was being sought by Panamanian authorities. (S)(u)

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For information of all offices, MIRO has been in contact with ~~RALPH MC CLAIN~~, a known CIA representative who resides in Panama City, Panama. ~~MC CLAIN~~ came to Miami from Panama April 22, 1959, and attempted to contact MIRO. However, he was not aware that MIRO had departed for New York City April 21, 1959. ~~MC CLAIN~~ contacted JOSEPH MEROLA, Miami source furnishing information on a voluntary, confidential basis, who is a close associate of MIRO. (S) ~~MC CLAIN~~ did not reveal his official identity to MEROLA; however, in view of MIRO's previous admissions regarding ~~MC CLAIN~~, MEROLA suspects ~~MC CLAIN~~ as an intelligence agent. MEROLA stated that ~~MC CLAIN~~ had told him he is an insurance representative and also deals in stocks and bonds. (S)(u)

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MEROLA stated ~~MC CLAIN~~ checked out of the Ankara Motel, Miami Beach, Florida, April 22, 1959, and indicated that he was returning to Panama. However, MEROLA learned through motel sources that (S) ~~MC CLAIN~~ indicated he was going to New York City, and, therefore, presumed that ~~MC CLAIN~~ might meet MIRO in that City. Miami was unable to confirm the (S)(u)

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departure of [MC CLAIN]. (S) The Bureau has instructed it desires no investigation regarding [MC CLAIN] in view of his official position. It should be noted that MEROLA departed for Cuba on April 22, 1959, claiming his departure was necessary in connection with personal business reasons. It should be noted that CARMEN ALOY, PSI under development, informed that on April 22, 1959, MIRO called from New York City on that same date attempting to locate [MC CLAIN]. (S)

On April 25, 1959, Mrs. JOSEPH MEROLA confidentially, voluntarily informed that [RALPH MC CLAIN] (S) left a message for MIRO at her residence on April 24, that [MC CLAIN] (S) was proceeding to Havana, Cuba, and would be in care of the Hilton Hotel. *2018 NORTH BAY ROAD, MIAMI*

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It should be noted that at the time of interview of RUBEN MIRO GUARDIA by SAs STAFFORD and DAVIS at the Miami International Airport on April 25, 1959, MIRO made a telephone call and stated he was going to contact GEORGEEN SICKELS, staying at the Miami Skyways Motel. MIRO indicated that GEORGEEN SICKELS, he had learned, desired to go to Cuba with him. MIRO made a telephone call, and subsequently stated that he had contacted GEORGEEN SICKELS, and she stated she could not be ready to go that evening, and, therefore, he had to leave her behind. MIRO stated he had never seen SICKELS, and furnished no additional information concerning her. *BEACH, FLA.*

STEWARDRESS SHIRLEY R. SICKELS
Inquiry at the Miami Skyways Motel disclosed that SHIRLEY R. SICKELS and her sister, 4043 75th Street, New York, New York, registered at the hotel on April 23, 1959. *CUBA*

On April 29, 1959, GEORGEEN SICKELS, 4008 Mahoning Street, Canton, Ohio, was interviewed at Miami, Florida, by *N.Y.*

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